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Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd, 4th and 15th meetings, on 30 September and on 1 and 24 October 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.3, 4 and 15).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (A/56/83);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the administrative and management practices of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/56/620);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of misconduct and mismanagement of the "boat project" at the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (A/56/689);

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(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of refugee smuggling at the Nairobi Branch Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/56/733);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees private sector fund-raising activities (A/56/759);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Department for Disarmament Affairs (A/56/817);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the post-implementation review of the Integrated Management Information System at United Nations Headquarters (A/56/879);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the update of oversight activities concerning the oil-for-food programme and the United Nations Compensation Commission (A/56/903);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (A/56/930);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (A/57/224).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.4

4. At the 15th meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Botswana, coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" (A/C.5/57/L.4).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.4 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

A
Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Having considered the following reports:

(a) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention,[1]

(b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of misconduct and mismanagement of the "boat project" at the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention,[2]

(c) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the administrative and management practices of the United Nations Office at Nairobi,[3]

(d) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of refugee smuggling at the Nairobi Branch Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,[4]

(e) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees private sector fund-raising activities,[5]

(f) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the update of oversight activities concerning the oil-for-food programme and the United Nations Compensation Commission,[6]

(g) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Department for Disarmament Affairs,[7]

(h) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the post-implementation review of the Integrated Management Information System at United Nations Headquarters,[8]

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[1] See A/56/83.
[2] See A/56/689.
[3] See A/56/620.
[4] See A/56/733.
[5] See A/56/759.
[6] See A/56/903.
[7] See A/56/817.
[8] See A/56/879.

(i) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,[9]

(j) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations,[10]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services listed above;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct, through the Office of Internal Oversight Services, a further audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and to report thereon to the General Assembly for its consideration at its resumed fifty-eighth session.

B

Enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 11 of its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and paragraph 15 of its resolution 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling also its resolution 55/259 of 14 June 2001,

Having considered the updated report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes,[11]

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General containing updated views on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes,[12] submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution 55/259,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[11] and reaffirms the prerogatives of the funds and programmes to decide their own oversight mechanisms and their relationship with the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services that require its approval prior to their implementation.

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[9] See A/56/930.

[10] See A/57/224.

[11] A/55/826 and Corr.1.

[12] A/56/823.